

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES

OF

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STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

County.—Grayson.

REPRESENTATIVE J. M. MARTIN is a native of Tennessee, emigrated to Texas in the winter of 1872-3, settled in the city of Sherman, where he has since resided; is a mar-

ried man, and 27 years of age, a lawyer by profession and practice, and has made reputation as such. His father, Judge William Martin, of Lebanon, Tennessee, was one of the leading lawyers of the country, and enjoyed a large practice. When fifteen years of age the war between the States commenced, and young Martin joined the Confederate army, and served until armed hostilities ceased. He was wounded at the second battle of Fort Donalson.

After the close of the war he resumed his course of studies at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and in 1867 was graduated in law at Lebanon law school, where he maintained an enviable reputation as a gentleman and student. Settling at Sherman, he became city attorney of that place in 1873, and performed the duties of his office until some time in the following year, when he began to turn his attention to the editorial profession, in which he at once evinced the most decided ability. His paper is the *Sherman Register*, now a daily, and it is one of the very best papers in Texas. Politically, Mr. Martin is a hard money Democrat. He ran upon the party ticket for a seat in the

lower house of the Fifteenth Legislature, and
was elected by 108 majority.
